

Taylor Ranch Teen Aspires To Inspire

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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**Dana Krill,
Supervisor
of Children's
Activities,
prepares to paint
6 year-old
Ashley Vaughn's
face at the
Taylor Ranch
Easter Party
held on
Saturday, April 14, 2001**



**Budget On A
Balance Beam**

**Special Insert
Take A Cruise
Through Planning**

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**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
NEW OFFICERS**

The Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination **“welcomes”** new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a **“special thank you”** to outgoing presidents. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the lifestyle of your neighborhood.

**Neighborhood
Association**

Alamosa
Singing Arrow
Towne Park

**“Welcome” to
Incoming President**

Johnny Pena
Philip York
John Daugherty

**“Thanks” to
Outgoing President**

Jeanette Baca
Mark Burton
Shirley Mohon

Saragossa regained their “Recognized” status.

New Association

Los Volcanes Neighborhood
Association (R)

Council District - 1

County District - 1

Community Identity – Southwest Mesa

Maggie Stamp

Michael Neese

Police Beat – 141,143

N – I-40 Freeway

S – Central

E – Coors

W – Unser



Mayor Jim Baca

**VIEW FROM THE
ELEVENTH FLOOR**

**Lagging Gross Receipts Revenues Forces FY02
Budget to Focus on Core Missions of City Government**

As spring arrives every year, so comes the time when I must submit the City's operating budget to the City Council. My recommended budget, which covers operating costs for the City of Albuquerque from July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002, deals with slow gross receipts tax revenues and focuses on the core missions of city government.

The fiscal year 2002 budget is a balanced budget that focuses on the priorities of my administration and the needs of our City's residents. This budget focuses on our priorities. Public safety always has been and continues to be our number one priority.

Public safety, including police, fire protection and corrections, is funded at a higher level than ever. Over the last four years, funding for public safety has increased by 14%; all other departments have only seen an increase of 0.4%. In fact, public safety is comprised of over 45% of the total operating budget.

Community policing is working. Crime is down 17% since 1996. Two new police cadet classes will be funded this year bringing the sworn police force to its budgeted amount of 930 officers. The new crime lab will open in December and the City will be funding three new fire stations, including Fire Station 20 in the N.E. Heights.

Another priority of my administration has been maintaining and enhancing our quality of life. This includes focusing our resources on our children and seniors. The City will see several new capital projects opening this year, including the MacArthur and the Singing Arrow Child Care Centers and the Alamosa Community Center.

As stated in previous columns, I've spent the last three years talking about the instability of the City's revenue picture. 72% of the operational budget depends on gross receipts tax revenues, the tax one pays when buying goods and services. While operational expenses

increase with new capital projects coming on line, gross receipts revenue has not kept up.

Several factors can be attributed to the lagging gross receipts revenue, including internet sales and casino gaming which do not pay gross receipts. Over the last several years, the State Legislature has also exempted several groups from having to pay gross receipts taxes, including items such as prescription drugs.

Exempting the gross receipts from prescription drugs is probably the right thing to do. However, that's \$5 million a year that doesn't come into the City. Prescription drugs are only one item of many that have been exempted. We need to find a long-term solution to fix this 'hole in the bucket,' including finding new mechanisms to make cities' revenue streams more solid. We will continue to work with the State Legislature in finding a long-term solution.

In addition to lagging gross receipts tax revenues, several new capital projects coming on line have brought additional operating costs into the budget. Including gross receipts tax shortfalls and new projects, City budget analysts predict an \$18.5 million shortfall in matching expenses with revenues.

In order to realize savings and match expenses with revenues, the proposed budget reduces the number of contracts the City issues to outside agencies. The City issues over \$11 million to outside agencies that may be duplicative of each other or may be more appropriately funded by the state government, which is sitting on a huge surplus. In the past several budget cycles, City Councilors and others have expressed concern over these expenditures in realizing the City's goals. Part of the \$3.1 million reduction in contracts includes a Task Force, created by the Council and me, to review the contracts and recommend which contracts should be funded with taxpayer dollars. This is a difficult thing to do, but I think it will force us as a community to become more efficient in providing these services. I am committed

to working with all these groups to make sure we continue to provide the services our community depends on. This may include going to the legislature and seeking funding from the surplus the state is enjoying.

This budget also includes implementation of the City Council-initiated GEAR process, in which the City evaluates its programs and recommends efficiencies. The implementation in this budget includes outsourcing of the Convention Center. Sometimes the way government operates doesn't always work for some facilities. I've evaluated this over and over and done a lot of thinking about this, but I've determined this is the best thing to do and the best use of taxpayer dollars is to outsource the Convention Center.

The Convention Center services will be put out to bid and run on contract by January 2002. This process is expected to save over \$1 million a year. Other cities such as El Paso, Denver, and San Francisco have undergone this process.

The budget also calls for some minimal fees to be adjusted, including charging an admission fee to the Albuquerque Museum (\$4 adults/\$2 children and seniors); a 50 cent increase in admission to the BioPark; and some adjustments to the zoning and fire code inspection fees and other building/development fees which haven't been adjusted in over 10 years.

Finally, the budget calls for some reorganization in the City's structure to achieve better efficiency and save taxpayer dollars, including a net reduction of 62 positions. The reduction will occur through attrition, with employees in positions that are being deleted to be transferred to other positions as they open.

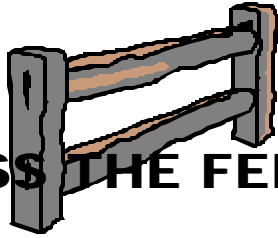
Bringing the budget in line with the revenue stream is a painful process. I'm sure some of the City Councilors will take exception with the way we've done things. I welcome their input and suggestions and look forward to working together to make sure we do what is right for the residents of Albuquerque. While I am charged with making the recommendations, the City Council must ultimately make the final decision.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Baca".

Jim Baca, Mayor

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

News From And For Neighborhoods



ACROSS THE FENCE

Inspires/Aspires Taylor Ranch Teen Board Member Talks

"Through my eight year involvement with Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, I have learned that it is important and really easy for kids and adults to work together in neighborhoods".

**Dana Krill, Eighteen Year Old
TRNA Board Member**

Back in 1993, then eight year-old Girl Scout Dana Krill remembers taking part in Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's (TRNA) Fourth of July Parade. Two years later she received a call from Debbie Tatum, a member of TRNA, asking Dana to come to a meeting of the TRNA Youth Committee. Dana attended and has been actively involved with the neighborhood association ever since.

Taking part in neighborhood cleanups, graffiti paint outs, car washes, the Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and teen dances, taught Dana how to plan, organize and promote events. Another benefit was working with younger neighborhood kids giving her the opportunity to be a mentor and positive role model. Dana says, *"I enjoy being around younger neighborhood children plus the door opened for me to have friendships with adults in the neighborhood."*

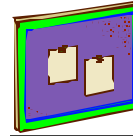
When Dana was nominated and then elected to be secretary of the TRNA Youth Committee, she started a newsletter for the group expanding her

ever-growing list of skills. Being secretary led to the Youth Committee recommending Dana to become their representative on TRNA's Board. (TRNA has allocated one slot on the Board for a Youth Committee representative). The Board officially elected her to the position for two years. Then, when Dana turned eighteen and could no longer represent the Youth Committee, she was asked to run for and was elected to the Board as an adult in March of this year.

On the value of being a Board Member Dana says, *"Serving on the Board, I really get to know who is in the community. We meet once a month planning and making decisions for the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association. I am comfortable speaking in front of people of all ages. The more people you know the less fear you have talking with them about everything in general. It's important for youth to be involved with the community. My pride in my community is really strong and I want to serve it. I know it has helped me see who I am as a person."*

What does the future hold for Dana? This fall she will attend the University of New Mexico probably focusing on psychology. (*"I find people to be interesting"*). Dana will be attending a Leadership Conference and will begin helping with TRNA's Youth Committee. Serving youth is her passion.

Dana's motto for living is, *"Use each day wisely. Helping others is a big part of that. If I haven't served others who will remember me?"*



BULLETIN BOARD

News Flashes For Neighborhoods

Night Lights - Too Bright?

An amendment to the Zoning Code, Chapter 14, Article 16, ROA 1994 has been introduced to City Council as **Council Bill O-01-92** and referred to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) to be heard on **Thursday, June 21, 2001**. The amendment sets standards on the kind and amount of light and reflection of light for:

- Streets and Highways
- Parking Lots/Off-Street Parking Areas
- Fuel Sales, Drive-In and Drive Through Canopies
- Outdoor Sales and Display Areas
- Recreational/Outdoor Event Lighting
- Lighting in Residential Zones
- Prohibited Lighting
- Building Permits
- Exemptions

A Few of the Particulars: Residential lights of 75 watts or greater will be required to be fully shielded, and installed and aimed so that the light source is not visible off the property. Sensor-activated lighting will be required to be aimed and adjusted to prevent activating from off property and timed to turn off within five minutes after activation.

Fixtures used to illuminate parking lots and off-street parking areas, under the amendment, will be fully shielded. In addition, recreational lighting will not be on or left on after 11:00 p.m. except to conclude recreational or sporting events that begin before 9:00 p.m. The City Hearing Officer may grant exceptions.

Updates: City Council will hear **Council Bill O-01-83**, the Public Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, on **Monday, May 7, 2001**. EPC Hearing status for **Council Bill O-01-85**, amending the Zoning Code to limit dispensing alcohol near residential zones is scheduled for **Thursday, May 17, 2001**.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



**FROM THE
MANAGER'S DESK**

Herb Howell

**House Bill 241 Signed
by Governor Johnson**

Recent legislation, originally referred to as the "Anti-SLAPP bill," went through a rough road of committee hearings and last minute pleas to pass all the necessary committees, the House and the Senate. It was at the eleventh hour that it all came together and State Senator Shannon Robinson, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, carried the bill to its final resolution and approval.

Briefly, this is AN ACT:

"RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS; ESTABLISHING IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR THE CONDUCT IN FURTHERANCE OF A PERSON'S RIGHTS TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT AND FREE SPEECH IN CONNECTION WITH A PUBLIC ISSUE; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR DAMAGES; ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978 (New Mexico Statutory Articles)

The legislature found that civil lawsuits often claiming millions of dollars have been filed against persons for exercising their right to free speech. Briefly, these lawsuits are seen as an abuse of the legal process because they chill and punish participation in public affairs and the institutions of democratic government. This bill answers the fears of many Neighborhood Associations and their members.

The legislature declares that it is in the public interest to encourage continued public participation in matters of public significance. This is intended to restore balance between the right of access to courts and the rights of citizens to petition, speak out, associate and otherwise participate in the public process without fear of litigation.

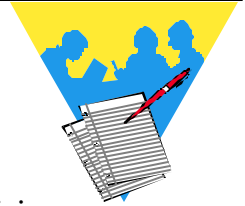
Section two of the bill provides for "IMMUNITY—SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS UNWARRANTED OR SPECIOUS LAWSUITS—PROCEDURES—DAMAGES—SEVERABILITY."

For a complete description of the signed legislation see the State Legislature Website : <http://legis.state.nm.us/Sessions/01%20Regular/bills/house/HB0241.html>

**Neighborhood Association
Patrol Training Has Been Rescheduled
For Saturday
May 19, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Neighborhood Workshop
Corner**

**Free Workshops Offered By OCNC
Call 924-3914 To Register**



Neighborhood Association Patrol Training
Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Refreshments will be served)

Co-sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department and the Office of Community and Neighborhood Coordination, topics will include:

- ◆ Suspicious Behavior
- ◆ Patrol Styles
- ◆ Hands on Training from an Established Patrol
- ◆ Safety Presentation
- ◆ Legal Questions
- ◆ Relationship between Association Patrol and Association Board

A Neighborhood Association Patrol is equivalent to a mobilized Neighborhood Watch. First time attendees are required to view a two and one-half hour training tape shown on GOV 16 on **Wednesday, May 2** at 6:00 a.m. or **Friday, May 6** at 8:00 a.m.

Traffic/Speeding Workshop

Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Refreshments will be served)

The number one issue OCNC staff hears mentioned by neighborhood associations is traffic/speeding-related. Take this opportunity to learn what can be done. Presenters include Dave Harmon from Traffic Engineering, a law enforcement representative from the Albuquerque Police Department, and neighborhood representatives who are experimenting with a neighborhood based program to reduce speeding. This is a very practical workshop designed to give your neighborhood some ideas about what you can do to address your speeding and traffic problems.

**All workshops are held in the basement of the
Plaza del Sol Building Hearing Room**

Thanks COP-NET Members

Thank you Community Oriented Policing Neighborhood Education Team (COP-NET) members: Mary Gossage and Don Russell for helping and participating in the Neighborhood Improvement Workshop. Thank you Phil Barott, Barbara Gauna-Trujillo, Joan Jones and Dorothy Kerwin for conducting the Facilitative Leadership Workshop and to Russell Stone for his assistance.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued

COMMUNITY POLICING
ON THE MOVE



Save A Life
Join The Tina Banks
Neighborhood Speeding Pledge Campaign

On June 2, 2000, Chuck Banks, his wife of nearly thirty-five years, Tina Banks, his sister and another neighbor were taking an evening stroll through Kiva-Monte Neighborhood when an inattentive, speeding driver's car struck and killed Tina. Chuck's life would never be the same.

"Our neighborhood is a good neighborhood, filled with good people of all ages from all walks of life. We should be able to safely walk our streets, play in our yards, or walk to the park to play anytime we wish. We should not have to be overly concerned about speeders and drug dealers and other undesirables in the neighborhood... I want you to try to visualize waking up in the morning to find a place in a bed where your spouse, child, or loved one should be but will never be again. I don't have to imagine it. I am there. Please don't join me."

Chuck Banks in a letter appearing in the
July, 2000 extra edition of the Kiva-Monte
Neighborhood Association Newsletter - Update

The "Tina Banks Neighborhood Speeding Pledge Campaign" is named in honor of the memory of neighborhood association activist Tina Banks who lost her life in her neighborhood to an inattentive, speeding driver.

Attend the **Tuesday, June 5, 2001** Traffic/Speeding Workshop co-sponsored by OCNC and members of the Community Oriented Policing Neighborhood Education Team (COP-NET) to learn more about becoming involved in the "Tina Banks Neighborhood Speeding Pledge Campaign". See the Neighborhood Workshop Corner on page 5 for more details.

**You Don't Have To Move
To Live In A Better
Neighborhood.**

Community Events/Fundraisers

- Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association will hold a Spring Flea Market on **Saturday, April 21, 2001** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cross of Hope Church parking lot on Taylor Ranch Road. Proceeds will benefit the Taylor Ranch Youth Committee. Call **897-5071** to reserve your space.
- South Los Altos Kids Group will host a flea market on **Saturday, April 28, 2001** from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hawthorne Elementary School on Copper between Wyoming and Eubank. Call **275-6569** for more information.
- The New Mexico Computer Society will hold its Spring Meeting on **Saturday, April 28, 2001** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4645 Pitt NE. Noted author of numerous computer instruction books on newsletter presentation with desktop publishing software, Ms. Liz Reding will be the featured speaker. For more information call Rod Gwyn at **296-3190**.
- World Book Day will be celebrated on **Monday, April 23, 2001** at the Main Library Open House with the re-installation of a unique Don Quixote Exhibit featuring paintings, renderings, vignettes, framed calligraphy and illustrations of the book. Friends of the library will host a special book sale featuring the works of William Shakespeare who was born on April 23. The main library is located at 501 Copper Avenue NW. Call **768-8331** for more information.
- Come join the Kirtland Community at The Kirtland Flea Market! Sell, participate, visit on **Saturday, May 5, 2001**. Vendors need to make reservations now, contact Annabel Muniz at **842-6483**. All proceeds go to the Kirtland Community Association.
- The Mossman Neighborhood Association invites you to join them for their second annual Garden Walk on Saturday, **May 12, 2001**. Start your tour with refreshments at 3401 California NE where you can obtain your map. Call **883-8589** for more information. Free!
- Indian Moon Neighborhood Association will host its Annual Yard Sale on **May 18, 19 and 20, 2001** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Association boundaries are Indian School, Moon, Constitution and Eubank.
- Four Hills Mobile Home Park Residents' Association will host a Yard and Bake Sale on **Saturday, May 19, 2001** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Singing Arrow Club House, 12340 Singing Arrow NE.
- **The Sixth Annual Route 66 East Gateway Celebration** will be held on Sunday, **May 20, 2001** from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Four Hills Shopping Center at Central Avenue and Tramway Boulevard; live entertainment, including music by Tobias Rene, food vendors, and numerous activities. For more information call **296-0007**.



Albuquerque City Council

Contacting The Council

Council staff may be reached at **768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. Council fax number is **768-3227**.

Council now has a web site. The address is: **<http://www.cabq.gov>** where you will find information including meeting agendas, minutes and action items, district maps and rules of procedure.

Committee Begins Work on New Council Districts

The City Council Redistricting Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council regarding new boundaries for the nine Council districts. This process occurs every ten years, following the Federal Census.

The Redistricting Committee consists of nine members and nine alternates representing the nine Council districts. The Committee will strictly adhere to constitutional principles governing voting rights, population considerations and other guidelines established by the City Charter and judicial decisions. The Committee may also adopt additional criteria. The Redistricting Committee will adhere to the following widely accepted principles governing redistricting.

- *Population Equality:* Districts will be designed within the population deviations allowed by law in accordance with the principle of "one person – one vote."
- *Minority Voting Rights:* Districts will be designed to provide appropriate minority participation in the electoral process in accordance with the United States Constitution and federal voting rights legislation. It is important to avoid diluting minority voting power by splitting minority communities among Council districts.
- *Avoid Gerrymandering:* The committee will avoid contorted districts to as great an extent as possible, however, districts will be designed as necessary to accomplish more legally relevant concerns.
- *Communities of Interest:* Districts will be designed, if possible, to respect neighborhood boundaries and other communities of interest.
- *Compactness and Contiguity:* Districts will be designed to maximize compactness with as few geometric extremes as possible.

- *Precincts:* Districts will adhere to existing precinct boundary lines and precincts will serve as the basic building blocks of the redistricting process.

The Redistricting Committee will make every effort possible to receive input from all segments of our community and strongly encourages public participation throughout the process. The Committee invites the public to attend meetings where public comment will be allowed and seriously deliberated.

The Redistricting Committee is scheduled to meet on **Thursday, April 26, 2001** at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center located at One Civic Plaza. Additional meetings may be scheduled in April and May. For more information, please contact the City Council office at **768-3100/TTY 768-2474**.

Case Tracking

On March 28, 2001, the City Council's Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee voted a "Do Not Pass" (on to full council for consideration) on appeals AC-01-04 & AC-01-05 (K-Mart Project) of **Altura Addition N.A. and Summit Park N.A.** Both associations appealed a previous decision of the Environmental Planning Commission's approval of a Zone Map Amendment and Site Development Plan for Building Permit – Located on the east side of Carlisle NE between Interstate 40 and Indian School NE.

R-00-154 Establishing City policy that City-assisted residential construction shall be within the 1960 urban boundaries, in redeveloping areas, and near transit services. (Yntema) To be heard at Council on **Monday, June 18, 2001**.

R-01-210 The City Council passed an amendment to the West Route 66 Sector Development Plan with zone map amendments on April 2, 2001.

BUDGET MEETING UPDATES

Thursday, May 3, 5:00 p.m., **COW**, FY/02 General Fund Budget.

Thursday, May 10, 5:00 p.m., **COW**, FY/02 General Fund Budget.

Thursday, May 17, 5:00 p.m., **COW**, FY/02 General Fund Mark-up.

Monday, May 21, 5:00 p.m., **Council**, FY/02 General Fund

Adoption.

May 2001 - GOV TV Cable Channel 16 PROGRAM SCHEDULE				CITY/COUNTY VIDEO BULLETIN ON AIR BEFORE AND AFTER REGULAR PROGRAMS		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 AM - COUNTY COMMISSION, OR IUTPB REPLAYS	6 AM & NOON - CITY COUNCIL REPLAYS OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES	6 AM & NOON - COUNTY COMMISSION REPLAYS OR CURRENT EVENTS AND	6 AM & NOON - COUNTY COMMISSION (REPLAY OF TUESDAY	8 AM & NOON - CITY COUNCIL REPLAYS OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES	6 AM & NOON - COUNTY COMMISSION OR POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION	8 AM - CITY COUNCIL REPLAYED OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES
4 PM - CITY JOB LINE 6 PM - CURRENT EVENTS AND	5 PM - CITY COUNCIL LIVE OR REPLAYED	FEATURES 5 PM - COUNTY COMMISSION LIVE OR	NIGHT OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES	6 PM - GOV PROGRAM GUIDE 6:30 PM - CURRENT	REPLAYED OR CURRENT EVENTS AND FEATURES 10 PM -	6 PM - ALBUQ. MUSEUM PRESENTS LO MADURO DE LA CULTURA
FEATURES 9 PM - METRO ROAD REPORT	CITY COUNCIL LIVE THE 1 ST AND 3 RD MONDAYS	REPLAYED	6 PM - GOV PROGRAM GUIDE 6:30 PM - CURRENT	EVENTS AND FEATURES 10 PM - CITY COUNCIL REPLAYED OR	MEETING REPLAYS OR SPECIAL EVENTS	
	COUNTY COMMISSION LIVE THE 2 ND AND 4 TH TUESDAYS	ELUA AND BCC ZONING MEETINGS LIVE ON THE THIRD TUES.	EVENTS AND FEATURES 10 PM - CITY JOB LINE	SPECIAL EVENTS		
		BEGINNING AT 2 PM				

APRIL CALENDAR

April

- 23 Finance and Government Operating Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Council Committee Room, 9th Floor, Room 9081.
- 24 Extraterritorial Land Use Authority (ELUA), 2:00 p.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 25 Land Use, Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Council Committee Room, 9th Floor, Room 9081.
- 25 Pre-Hearing meeting for Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) cases, 1:30 p.m., Planning Conference Room, Third Floor, Plaza del Sol Building, 600 Second Street NW.
- 25 Transit Advisory Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE.
- 27 **BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS:** Fair Housing For Persons with Disabilities, a comprehensive seminar for landlords, property managers, consumers, realtors and lenders; held at the University of Phoenix, 7471 Pan American Fwy NE, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., \$ \$, call **505-256-3100 V/TTY or 800-432-4682** toll free statewide for more information.

MAY CALENDAR

May

- 2** Extraterritorial Land Use Commission (**ELUC**), 9:00 a.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 2** Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired, 9:30 a.m.,
Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, call **764-8932** for information.
- 2** **Westside Coalition** Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LBJ Middle School, 6811 Taylor Ranch Rd. NW.
- 3** **District 7 Coalition** Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Grant Middle School, 1111 Easterday NE.
- 7, 21** Council Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 7** **North Valley Coalition** Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Los Griegos Community Center,
1231 Candelaria NW.
- 8** Board of Appeals (**BOA**), 9:00 a.m., Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW.
- 9** Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission (**LUCC**), 3:00 p.m.,
Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW.
- 9** **District 6 Coalition** Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE.
- 9** **Northeast Area Meeting for Albuquerque Block Captains Association**, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.,
Grant Middle School Cafeteria, 1111 Easterday NE, call **299-6451** for more information.
- 10** Police Oversight Commission, 4:00 p.m., City/County Building, lower level,
One Civic Plaza NW, Fifth and Marquette.
- 14** Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee (**GABAC**) Meeting, 4:30 p.m.,
Room 302, Old City Hall, call **768-2680** for more information.
- 15** Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee (**GARTC**) Meeting,
4:30 p.m., locations vary, call **768-5308** to confirm time and location.
- 16** Zoning Hearing Examiner (**ZHE**), 9:00 a.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 16** Land Use, Planning and Zoning (**LUPZ**) Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Council Committee Room,
9th Floor, Room 9081.
- 16** **District 4 Coalition** Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow NE.
- 16** **District 5 Coalition** Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
5301 Ponderosa NE.
- 17** Environmental Planning Commission (**EPC**), 8:00 a.m., all day public hearing -
current land use issues, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW.
- 22** Extraterritorial Land Use Authority (**ELUA**), 2 p.m., Council/Commission Chambers.
- 23** Pre-Hearing Meeting for Environmental Planning Commission (**EPC**) cases, 1:30 p.m.,
Planning Conference Room, Third Floor, Plaza del Sol Building, 600 Second St. NW.
- 23** Transit Advisory Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE.
- 23** Finance and Government Operating Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Council Committee Room,
9th Fl., Rm. 9081. **NO MEETING 5/30/01 - SPECIAL ELECTION (baseball stadium).**
- 24** **District 8 Coalition** Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4645 Pitt NE.
- 25** **Albuquerque Public Schools - LAST DAY OF CLASSES.**
- 28** **CITY OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.**

The City of Albuquerque does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, disability, age, gender, Vietnam Era or disabled veteran status, sexual orientation or medical condition in employment or in the provision of services.

If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings, or workshops, etc. appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend. Whenever possible, TTY phone numbers will be listed. TTY users may call any phone number listed in this publication via Relay New Mexico at **1-800-659-8331**.

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that neighborhood presentations at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. Call Don at **924-3906** if you have questions. **48-Hour Rule of the EPC:** All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Dept. no later than **9:00 a.m.** on the Tuesday prior to the date of the Public Hearing. However, for an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information please note:

- ⇒ Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- ⇒ The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- ⇒ The Planning staff member is included should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case). All staff may be reached at **924-3860**.
- ⇒ On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **924-3860** and they will give you the status of the Hearing.
- ⇒ Staff reports are available at the Planning Office at 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the EPC Hearing.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, April 25, 2001** at **1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor and the **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, May 17, 2001** at **8:00 a.m.** in the Hearing Room for the following cases:

Citywide

All Associations; The City of Albuquerque requests an amendment to the City Zoning Code: To prohibit the dispensing of certain containers of alcoholic beverages in certain zones within 500 feet of a pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school, religious institution, residential zone, City park or City owned major public open space; and to establish a four year amortization period for nonconforming uses involving the sale of alcoholic beverages; Simon Shima at **924-3935**.

Northeast

North Wyoming, Palomas Park (neighborhood association); 01128-00000-00413, Project # 1001151 (case #'s); Approximately 1.01 acre located at the northwest corner of Wyoming NE and Scott's Place NE (**location of request**); D-19 (**zone atlas page #**); BPLW Architects at **881-2759**, agent for Qwest (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of a site development plan for building permit on land zoned SU-1 for Switching Station(**action requested**); Lola Bird at **924-3910 (city staff planner)**.

No association; 01110-00000-00424, 01128-00000-00425, 01128-00000-00426, Project # 1001118; Approximately 8.6 acres located at the southwest corner of Renaissance NE and Culture Drive NE; F-16; Tierra West LLC at 858-3100, agent for Union Pension Trust; Requests a zone map amendment from SU-1 for C-2 to SU-1 for IP, plus approvals of site development plans for subdivision purposes and for building permit; Debbie Stover at 924-3940.

Northwest

Paradise Hills, Riverfronte Estates; 01114-00000-00386, 01110-00000-00387, Project # 1000244; Approximately 4.02 acres located on the west side of Coors Blvd. NW, between Irving NW and Westside NW; B-13; Garcia & Kraemer at **242-5566**, agent for Sparton Technologies; Requests annexation and establishment of SU-1 for C-2 zoning; Lola Bird at **924-3910**.

Santa Fe Village, Taylor Ranch; 01110-00000-00406, Project # 1001147; Approximately 6.1 acres located on the north side of Mojave NW, east of Unser NW; E-10; Phil Ward at **878-0003**, agent for Garth Maxam; Requests a zone map amendment from O-1 to R-LT; Lola Bird at **924-3910**.

Taylor Ranch; 01128-00000-00416, Project # 1000344; Approximately 5.5 acres located at the southwest corner of Taylor Ranch Drive NW and Kachina NW; E-11; Kells & Craig at **243-2724**, agent for the City of Albuquerque; Requests approval of a site development plan for building permit on land zoned SU-1 for Community Center; Debbie Stover at **924-3940**.

Common Grounds, Los Griegos, Matthew Meadows, Monkbridge, Near North Valley; 01138-00000-00414, Project # 1001087; Approximately 25.8 acres located in the vicinity of 12th Street and Candelaria NW; G-14; The City of Albuquerque's Development Services Division at **764-0037**; Requests approval of a Master Plan for the Los Candelarias Village Center; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

Southeast

Kirtland Community; 01110-00000-00381, Project # 1001136; Approximately 0.16 acre located on the southeast corner of Avenida Cesar Chavez SE and Buena Vista SE; L-15; Frank and Patricia Stubbs at **266-5622**; Requests a zone map amendment from R-1 to RG; Loretta Naranjo-Lopez at **924-3896**.

Kirtland Community, Mountain View, Yale Village, San Jose, South San Jose/Jack Candelaria; 01110-00000-00428, 01128-00000-00441, Project # 1001157; Approximately 1000 acres at the Albuquerque International Airport; M-16, N 15 & 16, P 15 & 16; URS Corporation at **878-9080**, agent for the City of Albuquerque Aviation Department; Requests various zone map amendments to SU-1 for Airport & Related Facilities plus approval of a site development plan for subdivision purposes; Loretta Naranjo-Lopez at **924-3896**.

Willow Wood; 01128-00000-00419, 01128-00000-00420, Project #1001153; Approximately 1.0 acre located at the southeast corner of Gibson SE and Britt SE; M-21; Claudio Vigil at **842-1113**, agent for the Opportunity Research Park; Requests approval of site development plan for building permit on land zoned SU-1 for IP Uses; Debbie Stover at **924-3940**.

Victory Hills; 01128-00000-00427; Project # 1001156; Approximately 2.3 acres located at the southwest corner of Columbia SE and Vail SE; L-16; Wilson & Company at **348-4039**; agent for the Albuquerque Elks Lodge; Requests approval of a site development plan for building permit on land zoned SU-1 for O-1, C-2 and IP; Lola Bird at **924-3910**.

Willow Wood; 01128-00000-00430, Project # 1001158; Approximately 2.01 acres located on the southwest corner of Gibson SE and Britt SE; M-21; Consensus Planning at **764-9801**, agent for Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union; Requests approval of a site development plan for building permit on land zoned SU-1 for IP; Debbie Stover at **924-3940**.

Southwest

No association; 01114-00000-00402, 01110-00000-00403, Project # 1001144; Approximately 19.9 acres located on the west side of Coors Blvd. SW, north of Ervien Lane SW; M-10; ABQ Engineering Inc. at **255-7802**, agent for Kinney Huse; Requests annexation and establishment of M-1 zoning; Loretta Naranjo-Lopez at **924-3896**.

Westgate Heights; 01128-00000-00422, Project # 1001154; Approximately 72.85 acres located on Gibson SW, between Unser SW and the Snow Vista Diversion Channel; N-9; Community Sciences at **897-0000**, agent for Curb, Inc.; Requests approval of a site development plan for subdivision on land zoned SU-1 for Mixed Use; Russell Brito at **924-3337**.

LUPZ Hearings

The following Environmental Planning Commission appeals and other land use items are scheduled for hearing by the Land Use Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) Committee of the City Council on the dates listed. Please contact the City Council office at 768-3100 for the exact date, time and location. Agenda below is not final at time of newsletter publication. Final agenda is available at City Council office the Monday prior to the meeting.

April 28, 2001

AC-01-08 **Phillip York, agent for Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association, Appeals the EPC's unanimous approvals of Zone Map Amendments and approvals of Site Plans for Subdivision and Building Permit on land zoned SU-1 for R-2 Uses located at the northeast corner of Eubank SE and Stephen Moody SE.**

May 16, 2001

O-00-64 Amending Chapter 14, Article 16, the Zoning Code R.O.A.1994: To Add a Definition for Commercial Vehicle; to Clarify Certain Permissive uses in the R-1 Residential Zone; to Allow Real Estate Offices as a Permissive Use in the R-1 Residential Zone; to Allow Church as a Permissive Use in the C-2 Community Commercial Zone; and to Allow Certain Retailing as Permissive Uses in the M-1 Light Manufacturing Zone. **All associations.** Rescheduled from March 14, 2001.

May 30, 2001 (tentative)

AC-01-09 **Cecelia Garcia, agent for Paula Spooner, Appeals the EPC's denial of an appeal of a Development Review Board's decision to approve a vacation of a public right-of-way for a portion of San Venito Place NW east of Rio Grande Boulevard NW.** Los Duranes Neighborhood Association.

AC-01-10 **John Myers Esq., agent for Bosque Meadows Group LLC, Appeals the EPC's denial of a Zone Map amendment from R-D to C-1 Uses less certain auto related uses including automotive repair and sales, drive up or drive thru facilities plus an amendment to the West Side Strategic Plan. On the eastside of Coors Boulevard NW, north of Bosque Meadows Road NW.** Coors Trail, Alban Hills and Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Associations.

AC-01-11 **Perry Wilkes, agent for the Downtown Neighborhood Association, Appeals the EPC's approval of a zone map amendment from SU-2/TH to SU-2/SU-1 for SFR (single family residence) and Restaurant serving beer and wine at 1223 Tijeras Avenue NW.**

July 11, 2001

O-00-69 Amending Chapter 14, Article 16 of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994, Relating to The City of Albuquerque Comprehensive City Zoning Code, Specifically Non-conformance Regulations; Allowing Retention of non-conforming Use Status for Certain Buildings Otherwise Required to be Removed or Converted; **and** Chapter 14, Article 8, for Related Duties, Responsibilities & Powers of the Board of Appeals. **All associations.** Rescheduled from March 14.

CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



Public Works

A Town Hall Meeting About the Future of Water

Co-chaired by Mayor Jim Baca and
City Council President Brad Winter

"The water level in our aquifer has dropped significantly the past 35 years. If we continue our present excessive rate of pumping, we will face the likelihood of irreversible damage that will affect our quality of life and our viability as a community. We must ensure that we have a safe and sustainable water supply for our future. Using our San Juan-Chama surface water will enable us to reduce aquifer pumping to renewable levels."

Jim Baca, Mayor - City of Albuquerque

What could be more important to the future of Albuquerque than our water supply? Processing surface water to use as drinking water will be the main topic at a town hall meeting that will be held:

Friday, April 20, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Albuquerque Convention Center East Wing
Sponsored by the City of Albuquerque
and Shared Vision

Studies have revealed that about half the water pumped from the underground aquifer is not being replaced. This Town Hall Meeting will present the details of the plan to divert water from the Rio Grande River to become safe drinking water. The public will have an opportunity to participate and are encouraged to contribute as major decisions are being discussed to ensure a safe and sustainable water supply through 2060.

There is a \$20 fee; scholarships are available. For additional information about the meeting, contact Shared Vision at 764-0222 or e-mail sharedvis@spinn.net.

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CITE THE SOURCE. THANK YOU.**

The Story of Wastewater



Part Five

In the last installment of our series, we learned about residential use of biosolids. Solids, removed from municipal wastewater, are used to produce horticulture grade compost. Did you know biosolids will also be used **to reclaim overused rangelands?**

Three test sites in New Mexico were selected to test the efficiency of using digested, dewatered, municipal biosolids to reclaim degraded rangelands. The areas for this pilot project were outside the Village of San Luis, and the third area was the Sevilleta Long Term Ecological Research Area, near Socorro.

Research in cooperation with the US Forest Service showed that using **10 to 20 dry tons of biosolids per acre** completely stopped erosion; there was virtually no runoff even when a severe thunderstorm was simulated on test plots! In addition, soil nitrogen levels increased, and noxious weeds were replaced with desirable grasses over several growing seasons. The pilot project was so successful that a cooperative project will be initiated in the very near future to reclaim rangeland at a commercial ranch on the west mesa. Please call Steve Glass, the Soils Amendment Facility's Technical Program Manager at **873-6955** for questions about the pilot project.

This is the fifth installment of a continuing series on how the City's Wastewater Utilities Division works for customers, and how the community can help conserve and preserve our environment.

Cultural Events



The Arts

Internally known poet and performance artist Guillermo Gomez-Pena will appear at the National Hispanic Cultural Center on **Sunday, April 22, 2001** at 7:00 p.m. Call **246-2261** for more information.

Take Mom to the Mother's Day Concert at the Zoo, **Sunday, May 13, 2001** at 2:00 p.m. The New Mexico Symphony will perform. Call **848-7150** for more information. Free concert with zoo admission.

CITY SCOOP continued

Parks and Recreation



**Summer Swim Lessons
Lesson Registration
April 21-May 25**

To register for Eisenhower & Los Altos, go to Los Altos Pool, 10100 Lomas NE **291-6290**
Registration: M-F 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.,
Sat-Sun 12 noon-4:00 p.m.

To register for Montgomery & Sandia Pool, go to Sandia Pool, 7801 Candelaria NE - **291-6279**
Registration: M-F 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m., or 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.,
Sat-Sun 12 noon-4:00 p.m.

To register for Valley Pool, go to Valley Pool, 1505 Candelaria NW - **761-4086**
Registration: M-F 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sat-Sun 12 noon-4:00 p.m.

To register for East San Jose, Wilson, Sunport, or Highland Pool, go to Highland Pool,
400 Jackson SE - **256-2096**
Registration: M-F 6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sat-Sun 12 noon-4:00 p.m.

To register for Rio Grande, Sierra Vista, or West Mesa Aquatic Center, go to West Mesa Aquatic Center, 6705 Fortuna NW - **836-8718**
Registration: M-F 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. or
Sat-Sun 12 noon-4:00 p.m.

For more swim lesson information: 857-8640

Tennis: 764-1510

Registration for summer lessons begins May 1

Tennis Lessons: Adult & Youth

Classes are every two weeks:

June 4-June 15, June 18-June 29, July 2-July 13,

July 16-July 27

Cost: \$19/Ages 7-17, \$24/Ages 18 & up

Lesson Locations:

The Tennis Complex	1903 Avenida Cesar Chavez SE
*Arroyo del Oso	Spain & Wyoming NE
*Jerry Cline Park	Louisiana & Constitution NE
Ocate Park	Chelwood & Brentwood Hills NE
*Sierra Vista	5001 Montano NW

*Evening Lesson Site



Transit

Summer Fun Transit Pass:

The Gift That Keeps Youths Riding

One \$10 pass lets youths ride Sun Tran buses and trolleys through August. The four-month Summer Fun Pass goes on sale this week at the transit customer service center, 601 Yale



SE; the city treasurer's office at One Civic Plaza, Coronado Center, Cottonwood Mall, all Albertson's and Raley's stores and at Wells Fargo Bank branches. *The pass is for students through high school only.* Regular student bus fare is 25 cents/ride but the one time purchase for \$10 allows unlimited rides until August 31. Call **843-9200** for more information.

Solid Waste

CARE Program Designed To Help Eliminate Graffiti

The City's Solid Waste Department has launched a new program that will enhance current efforts to eliminate graffiti. The new program, Community Awareness for a Responsible Environment (CARE) is designed to strengthen the existing successful graffiti removal services provided by the department since 1993. *"The new program stems from a pro-active approach and includes three components: education, community service, and tagger alert. The program is directly tied to the juvenile justice system,"* says Stella Candelaria, Superintendent of the Clean City Division of the Solid Waste Department.

The education component is comprised of a one-hour curriculum that offenders and their families must attend. Two Albuquerque teachers are involved with the design and implementation of this part of the program. The curriculum is centered around victim awareness, making the offender aware of how much pain and expense they have inflicted upon an individual or a neighborhood. The education component also equips offenders with the skills necessary to say "NO" to tagging.

The community service component is fueled directly from referrals by juvenile judges, juvenile probation officers or from the Victim Offender Mediation Program. Offenders are assessed a "time waiver" which they must work out through community service.

The tagger alert component is the Clean City Division's way of getting their name and telephone numbers out in the community. Three-foot by two-foot signs, placed in strategic locations, are going up throughout the City to assist neighborhoods in reporting graffiti vandalism.

"As a municipality, we have successfully accomplished the task of removing graffiti within our City," said Mayor Baca. "This new program CARE will take our efforts in the fight against graffiti to the next level."

The numbers to call if you see graffiti or witness graffiti vandalism:

768-4725	Graffiti Hotline
242-COPS	Graffiti in progress
857-8055	Solid Waste Department
	Clean City Division

Join Mayor Jim Baca for Paint Out Graffiti Day on **Saturday, May 12, 2001**. Neighborhoods and residents throughout the City will arm themselves with buckets of paint and paintbrushes to show offenders that they won't tolerate their vandalism. To sign up your neighborhood, call Carl Garcia in the Mayor's Office at **768-3027**.

CITY SCOOP continued



APD Crime Prevention

Millions of women are confronted with violence at the hands of their husbands, boyfriends, and significant others every year in the U.S. This devastating experience is often kept a secret. Victims of domestic violence are unwilling to tell anyone, even close friends and family.

They are often ashamed to let anyone know about intimate family problems. Victims of domestic violence come from all walks of life, cultures, ages, and income groups. If left unchecked, this type of violence will affect the entire family, destroy self-esteem, and will usually escalate into serious physical harm. If you or a loved-one is a victim, seek help immediately.

WARNING SIGNS OF BATTERING BEHAVIOR

Jealousy - Controlling Behavior - Isolation - Blaming Others - Verbal Abuse - Psychological Abuse - Cruelty to Children or Animals - Threats of Violence - Force Used During Arguments - Easily Angered When Drinking or Using Drugs - Breaking or Striking Objects - Discourages Friendships - Threatens With a Weapon - Controls Your Schedule - Accuses You of Being Unfaithful - Controls All Finances - Forces You to Have Sex

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE HURT

Call the police and report the incident as soon as you can. Assault, even by a family member is a crime. Get medical attention, ask the medical staff to photograph your injuries and keep detailed records in the event legal action is necessary. Contact the court system about civil protective orders. Leave the scene as soon as possible.

RESOURCES FOR HELP AND ASSISTANCE

Leave or have someone stay with you if you are in immediate danger. Call a crisis hotline for assistance, get the location of a women's shelter, counseling, and crisis intervention. The following resources and telephone numbers are available in Albuquerque:

- **911 or the non-emergency number**
- **242-COPS (2677) (Albuquerque)**
- New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-773-3645 (Statewide)
- Women's Community Association/Shelter from Domestic Violence:
247-4219 (Albuquerque)
- Victim's Assistance:
768-2104 (Albuquerque)
- Nationwide Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-799-SAFE (Nationwide)

Planning

Design Standards for Non-Residential Zones

Over the past several months, an EPC-appointed task force has been meeting to figure out ways to improve the quality of commercial development throughout the city. The task force agreed that the best way to ensure consistent and impartial application of quality design is to incorporate design standards into the Zoning Code in the form of text amendments. The task force used a set of conditions that the EPC frequently applies in the site development plan review process and also referred to the Zoning Codes of other southwestern cities.

Finally, after months of discussion and review, the first series of text amendments have been prepared and are ready for public review. They are related to **off-street parking, on-site pedestrian connections, and lighting**.

Currently, provisions for such features as pedestrian circulation, parking layout, and on-site lighting occur on a case-by-case basis through the EPC review/approval process. With design standards in place, quality design will be required on all non-residential sites, regardless of the size or zoning of the property. These standards will improve design quality and provide a clear and consistent set of standards for new development.

The text amendments will be presented to various Coalitions of Neighborhoods and interest groups during the latter part of April and early part of May. The text amendments will be available on the Planning Department's web site at www.cabq.gov/planning or through the **Planning Department** itself, **Third Floor, Plaza del Sol Building, 600 Second St. NW, 924-3860**. Following the public meetings, the package of amendments will be submitted to the EPC for review and then sent to City Council for final action. To find out the exact dates and places of the Coalition meetings, or for further information regarding the Design Standards, please contact Carmen Marrone at **924-3814** or refer to the Planning Department's web site.

Housing Code Enforcement Division

The Housing Code Enforcement Division along with other City agencies participated in the Fair Housing Expo 2001. The Housing Code's booth had information on the Division's role in maintaining housing standards within the City. Explanations of the role that Housing Code Inspectors play and suggestions on ways for citizens to become involved in ensuring that structures in their neighborhoods are maintained to a certain standard were offered. The Housing Code Division received pertinent information on deteriorated housing conditions from several visitors which will be followed up on. The Housing Code Enforcement Division is available to give presentations to any neighborhood association interested in getting a detailed description as to how the Housing Code Division can help you preserve a safe and attractive neighborhood. To report a housing code violation or request a presentation, call their office at **764-3959**.

CITY SCOOP continued

Environmental Health

Consumer Health Division

Bug of the Month for April 2001

What's the Fuss about Foot and Mouth Disease?

Foot-and-mouth disease is the most highly infectious animal disease known. FMD is caused by a virus that infects cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and other cloven-hoofed animals. Humans can carry FMD but don't become ill. The disease causes fever and blister-like lesions around the mouth; teats; and hooves. FMD is not usually fatal, but it causes a dramatic drop in milk yield, physical condition and growth.

How is FMD Spread?

The virus can be spread by exposure to contaminated food products, hay, hides, water, equipment or other infected animals. Humans can transmit the virus by contaminated clothing or footwear.

What is the U.S. Government Doing to Prevent an Outbreak?

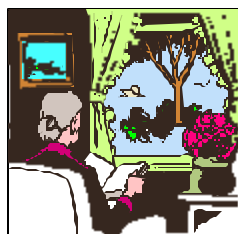
USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service removed the United Kingdom from the list of FMD-free countries in January. This action prohibits the importation of all ruminants and swine and most of their products. Inspections at ports and airports have been increased.

What Can I do?

If you travel outside the United States, follow all USDA import restrictions of meats, cheeses, and other potentially hazardous products. If you travel to the United Kingdom, avoid rural areas. If this isn't possible, buy a pair of shoes that you can leave behind. Launder the clothes you wear on or near farms or leave them behind. Avoid contact with susceptible animals for 7 days after visiting an infected farm.

Excerpt from University of Maryland: What is Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and Why is it Such a Big Deal? March 9, 2001.

Senior Affairs



Does your neighborhood include older people who may not be able to manage everything without some help or caregivers of older people? The Department of Senior Affairs can send a care coordinator to do a home assessment and help arrange for needed services such as home-delivered meals, respite care, senior

day care, homemaker, peer counseling and companions. To request services call **764-6400**.

International Noise Awareness Day (INAD) will be observed around the world on **Wednesday, April 25, 2001**. The purpose of INAD is to raise the public's awareness of excessive noise and the negative effects it has on people. For more information, visit web site www.nonoise.org/quietnet/cnag/cnag.htm

Air Quality Division

IS YOUR NOSE RUNNING TOO?!

Pollen data is reported Monday - Friday, March - October, based on data collected over a 24-hour period. It is reported as grains per cubic meter (grains/m³). Air Quality Staff collect data at two locations: Eastside (Zuni Park) & Westside (Don Reservoir). Pollen data is published in local newspapers in the weather section and is also presented on local news station weathercasts.



Light, airborne pollens of trees, grasses and weeds are why we are suffering from characteristic symptoms of hay fever:

**A runny nose
Congestion
Itchy eyes and
Throat Irritation**

These common allergens can also trigger asthma symptoms. Cells in your breathing (bronchial) tubes make more mucus.



ELM

As the mucus gets thicker, it begins to clog these airways. As bronchial tubes start to swell, the muscles around the tubes tighten making the tubes narrow and breathing gets increasingly difficult, if not impossible.



JUNIPER

Americans spend over \$2 billion a year on health care and medications to treat their allergies.

Between 12 and 15 million people, including approximately 5 million children in the U.S. have asthma.

**Family and Community Services
Spring and Summer Job Opportunities**

The Department of Family and Community Services, Community Centers Division has job opportunities for Recreation Leaders and Recreation Specialists within their Therapeutic Recreation Program.

General Job Description:

- Must be able to supervise a group of 10 children.
- Will assist with planning, adapting and implementing recreation activities for children with and without disabilities.
- Must provide appropriate discipline and modeling of behavior.
- Must assist with care of participants including changing of diapers, toileting, and feeding.
- Assist with general maintenance of site.

Summer Program training begins in early June. Schedule an interview by calling **764-1525**.

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